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BNDD Intelligence Requirements and Organizational Structure....  
A request for CIA Survey

Intelligence in general deals with all the things which should be known in advance of initiating a course of action. A necessary element for enforcement operations as well as support functions.

Strategic Intelligence in BNDD terms must be provided the Director and his staff to enable them to:

1. Plan programs.
2. Assign resources.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of operations.

It must include a continuously updated picture of world drug production, licit and illicit traffic, drug use and abuse, and measures and countermeasures taken by enforcement agencies and their opposition.

Operational Intelligence is evaluated, interpreted, and disseminated information concerning suspected and actual drug traffickers, the characteristics of their area of operations, their available resources, and the possible course of action open to them. The purpose of operational intelligence is to enable the regional enforcement personnel to interdict the drug traffic, to apprehend violators, and to immobilize trafficking systems.

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BNDD's Intelligence activities are not centralized:

1. The domestic and foreign regions have intelligence sections or personnel assigned to this function. They produce primarily Operational Intelligence.
2. At Bureau Headquarters level, an Intelligence unit responsible for strategic as well as operational requirements is located under the Chief of Operations in the Office of Enforcement. Concurrently a Special Assistant to the Assistant Director for Enforcement is responsible for liaison with the Intelligence community and other agencies supportive of BNDD's total drug control efforts.
3. Sporadic Intelligence requirements are levied on other Headquarters units such as Laboratory Operations, Drug Sciences Division, Chief Counsel, Inspection Division, et. al.
4. Specialized enforcement units contribute to the overall Bureau Intelligence requirements. (Task Forces and Strike Forces).

Changing demands upon BNDD require new approaches to the world-wide drug trafficking systems and a need exists to evaluate the present Intelligence capabilities. It is therefore suggested that CIA conduct a survey of BNDD's Intelligence efforts to make recommendations to the Director.

The following are some of the areas which should be explored:

1. What should the Bureau's strategic and Operational Intelligence requirements be in view of the world-wide responsibility for U. S. drug control having been placed upon BNDD by the President.

2. What organizational structure is needed in BNDD to collect, evaluate, and disseminate intelligence internally (through Enforcement, Drug Sciences, Laboratory Operations, Chief Counsel, etc.) and externally through agencies charged to support BNDD's program (Customs, CIA, NSA, State, HEW, etc.) and others who have a contribution to make, such as WHO, INCB, Interpol, etc.
3. What resources must be made available to the BNDD Intelligence Organization, in terms of manpower, equipment, and training.
4. What kind and form of record keeping or data processing system is necessary to support the Intelligence Organization.
5. To whom shall the commander of the Intelligence Organization report.
6. How can BNDD provide low-level intelligence to local law enforcement agencies on a systematized basis and how can local law enforcement agencies provide intelligence of BNDD interest to be integrated into the system.
7. Is there a need for a special operations unit and if so, how should it be staffed and organized. What should its mission include.